

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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SIN AGAINST THE HOLY GHOST

"Whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." Matt. 12:32

By E. C. Clark

In the previous article under this caption, we dealt with this sin as we so understand it. However, I really question if "sin against the Holy Ghost" and "blasphemy" are entirely the same. Blasphemy was defined in our previous article as "indignity against God, offered to God in words, writing, or signs; also act of claiming the attributes or prerogative of deity, abusive action or expression, calumny or vilification. Jesus warned the Pharisees when they said, 'He hath an unclean Spirit,' and inferred blasphemy, which certainly could be done as defined above by a Pharisee or any unregenerated person. Then if an unconverted Pharisee should blaspheme, and blasphemy is 'sin against the Holy Ghost,' certainly any unregenerated man or woman could commit sin against the Holy Ghost. However, I would prefer to allow an unregenerated man to blaspheme and at the same time really doubt if they might commit 'sin against the Holy Ghost,' unless it was when the Holy Ghost was in manifestation as described in the Word of God. You will notice that Jesus does not charge the Pharisees with 'sin against the Holy Ghost' but with 'blasphemy'; yet, we most generally understand and agree that blasphemy is 'sin against the Holy Ghost.' However, there are others that hold that 'sin against the Holy Ghost' may not be committed except by those who possess the Holy Ghost. But if blasphemy is such, then most assuredly anyone can commit such sin. Yet a more distressing sin against the Holy Ghost would certainly be to reject it at any stage of its workings in our life.

Now the more serious and complicated argument among God's children is, that anyone who has the Holy Ghost and then commits sin has actually sinned against the Holy Ghost. This stand I take to be very dangerous ground, as well as destructive to any child of God who may have chanced to sin or err after receiving Him. The fact is, that "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." John 2:1. We are commanded to "sin not," but the child of God, who is tempted and is weak, sometimes does such. And even some who have the baptism of the Holy Ghost are weak in faith and for lack of strength are sometimes overpowered by Satan and at times commits sin and gives up the Christian fight. Then along comes the error of those who hold such is unforgivable. They take the stand that such a person cannot again be renewed to salvation because they assume that they have committed "sin against the Holy Ghost."

Such a stand and teaching is wholly an error, and is destructive to some hungry-hearted backslider that the Holy Spirit is still striving with. The Spirit of God is faithful to the office which He has come to fulfill, and does plead with and try to lead back an erring child of God. I have met many who have backslidden and have hungered for the joy and peace they once possessed, and longed to return to Christ; but they have been troubled and held back by some who hold that to commit sin at all is "sin against the Holy Ghost."

Certainly God does not will us to commit sin, but even after some have done such He still loves them and wants them to return unto Him. God wills all His children to be overcomers, and the Holy Ghost was sent to "help our infirmities." Rom. 8:26. Sins that are common to men and are themselves committed by those that are weak in faith and grace are looked upon with the tenderest of care and sympathy, from the loving heart of God. Return unto me and I will return unto you is the language of God unto such. The return of the prodigal is a striking example of the forgiveness of the love of God. The forgiveness recommended in 2 Cor. 2:7-10 was unto a backslider and of a serious crime as mentioned in 1 Cor. 5th chapter, followed by a warning in the 11th verse of 2 chapter of 2 Cor., "lest Sa-

tan should get an advantage of us." God's will and plan is always forgiveness, if at all possible. Where forgiveness is not extended, God attributes it unto Satan. God does not ask or teach us to do something that He Himself will not do. I much prefer to make the only unpardonable sin that of "blasphemy" or "sin against the Holy Ghost," and allow any who have committed such sins as are included in the words "all manner of sin" to be forgiven, and try to help an erring soul back to God than to insist that when one who has the Holy Ghost commits such as are pardonable sins has sinned against the Holy Ghost.

Sins that are common to God's creatures, or sins against one another, must certainly be distinguished from "sin against the Holy Ghost." All others are pardonable; however, such sins may become sin against the Holy Ghost if premeditated, and especially if the Holy Spirit has warned and pled with those who do such before they have so done. When the Holy Spirit pleads and warns not to do something that is wrong, it then becomes in some sense "sin against the Holy Ghost." But when some poor soul who is not aware has been trapped and slipped upon by Satan, and has done something that is wrong, and is immediately sorry for such, this, in my mind, doesn't consist of "sin against the Spirit of God." What such an one should do is to go immediately unto God and ask forgiveness through the advocacy of Christ.

Of course when you may have committed some sin, Satan immediately says you have "sinned against the Holy Spirit," to try to deceive the one who has done so, to keep them away from God, or from coming back to Him. There could be no greater pleasure in such a case than for God to extend forgiveness and wash the defilement of His child away by the precious blood of Jesus. God's long lingering love for a backslider Israel should explicitly show how willing He is to reclaim and own His straying children. Indeed, it seems with the Jews that God has so determinately set Himself to save them, or at least a remnant of them, that God says, "Israel has not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election has obtained it." Election means a choosing, and, indeed, God hath "chosen us in Him;" and because He has we may "come boldly to a throne of grace, to find grace in time of need." Therefore, God has said, "Lift up the hands which hung down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed." Heb. 12:12-13. Here we find the child of God illustrated as a man with hands hanging down because of weakness and discouragement, with limbs that are lame, which certainly represents a weak and possibly sinning child of God but warned with a straightness of life and pathway so that such may be healed. Confess your faults one to another; and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. This certainly seems to show that God wills to reclaim and own His erring child.

REVIVAL NOT A FAILURE

HUMBOLDT, Tenn.—We closed our revival at Riviera, Fla. We had a battle with the devil but we gained the victory. Five were saved, eight sanctified, three received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other tongues. The pastor, J. F. Mann, baptized eight in water and eight came into the Church of God. We left many friends there. We are now in Tennessee. If anyone in any state has an opening for a revival notify me.—T. C. Valles, Rt. 5.

Church In Good Condition

MURPHY, Okla.—The Lord is blessing in Oklahoma. Sometime ago some of the saints began to have cottage prayer meetings. The Lord began blessing until the house would not accommodate the crowds that came. We moved to the church house and had a two weeks' meeting with good results. The Lord surely did bless wonderfully. Our house was far too small to accommodate the crowds that came. I think twelve or thirteen have been saved or reclaimed and about nine sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost, four came into the church and others are looking this way and I think will come in later. The church has been blessed and built up wonderfully. Some who live here say it is in the best condition it ever has been in. All the honor belongs to the Lord. Please pray for us at Murphy that we may go on with the Lord.—Humbly, U. H. Corley, pastor.

25 Saved, 8 Sanctified, 7 Baptized With Spirit, 8 United With Church

TWILA, Ky.—The Lord is blessing the Church of God here in a wonderful way. The power of God is present in most every service. The meetings here are like the little colored boy's big stick of candy. With juice running down to his elbows he said, "It's getting gooder and gooder."

On Feb. 23, 24 it was truly wonderful how God did bless the saints with His presence. He gave us some interpretation. If we would love one another and stand together, He would save, sanctify, baptize with the Holy Ghost and heal our sick folks. He also said if we would be true He would show us wonders and signs.

Several of the sisters meet two and three times a week and pray and testify until the power of God falls in their midst. Several have got saved and received the blessing in their meetings.

The young people's meeting is doing fine. Souls are getting under conviction and getting saved. We had our missionary service February 27 which brought out so many good points on how those who stay at home could help in mission work. I feel sure the church here with the Y. P. E. will go to work for the missionary cause. We have a fine band of saints, good singing, good music, and good workers at the altar or anywhere you put them. They will do their best.

We are beginning another revival soon with Sister Mary Thomas in charge of the preaching. Pray for the work here.—B. H. Enix, pastor, Wal-lins Creek, Ky.

JOY TO SEE THE INTEREST

BESSEMER, Ala.—I am praising the dear Lord for His goodness and mercy this morning. Four years have almost passed since I found the precious Savior's love. He saved me from a life of sin, sanctified me with His blood, and baptized me with the sweet Holy Ghost. I can really report victory in my soul today. Oh for the great Redeemer's love that will lift that great burden of sin from anyone that will come to Him!

I thank the Lord for the good blessings He showered upon us in the few nights' services we had here. God has wonderfully blessed here this year. Some have been saved, sanctified, and a number have received the Holy Ghost. Brother A. W. Mills is our pastor. We truly believe him to be a real man of God. God is blessing our efforts. We want to see the church shine out for Jesus. We are earnestly praying.

We thank the Lord for the young people. The Church of God Young People's Endeavor was organized last week with thirty-two members. This week the number has grown to fifty-eight. It's real joy to see the interest these young boys and girls. We hope to see them all shouting the victory before this year has passed. We sincerely desire the prayers of everyone.—Anna Mae Lagie, clerk, Box 352.

Church of God Material Here

BENNDALE, Miss.—We have just closed a four weeks' revival here and eternity alone will reveal the good that has been done. Brother Earl Brewer did all the preaching. He did not fail to preach the Word in its fullness. God thru Him brought forth some soul stirring messages. Fifteen were saved and ten were baptized with the mighty power of the Holy Ghost. One brother was slain under the power and lay like a dead man for about one and one half hours. Thank God, he came thru with the mighty Holy Ghost. We surely have some fine Church of God material here. We are all proud of the church and her teachings. We are leaving for Bovina, Miss. to begin a revival there. We earnestly covet the prayers of all who know the worth of prayer that God will save the lost in that place. We are out for God's glory and are willing to spend and be spent for the Gospel's sake.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Earl Brewer.

Effects and Memories Of Convention Linger

HAZELHURST, Ga.—The Hazelhurst District convention opened Friday, at 7:30 p. m. at the Bridgeford church with prayer and testimony service led by Brother Wm. Livingston. All seemed to enjoy that. Then we all enjoyed a wonderful message by our State Overseer, Brother J. W. Culpepper. Saturday night he delivered another good message. Sunday at eleven o'clock Brother Culpepper's sermon was "Loyalty to God and The Church." This was a wonderful message. We then adjourned and enjoyed a good dinner. Brother E. D. Douglas preached a good message on "Divine Healing."

The night service was devoted to sacrament and feet washing. All who partook of that realized what Jesus meant when He told His disciples, "If you know these things, happy are you if you do them."

We appreciated the visiting brethren and sisters from Odum, Piney Grove, and other churches in the Hazelhurst District.

Brother Culpepper, Brother Livingston, and I visited the following churches in the district. Monday night we were at Hazelhurst church; Tuesday night, Lumber City; Wednesday night, Vaughn's Chapel; Thursday night, Moore's Chapel; Friday night, St. Matthews; and Saturday night, Hagan. We were at Corsica church Sunday for a convention for that part of the district. Brother Livingston preached a sermon which all enjoyed. That evening Brother Culpepper preached. We had an altar call and several earnest seekers responded. That night our State Overseer preached another good sermon. This brought the convention to a close but its effect and memories will still linger with the people. We appreciate having our State Overseer with us and also Brother Livingston's visit to the different churches in the district. We covet an interest in the prayers of all God's people.—John J. Floyd, district overseer.

Church set in Order

MINOT, N. Dak.—A very successful revival meeting was held at Minot, beginning Nov. 14 and continued for about four weeks. All services were conducted by Paul H. Walker, the State Overseer of North Dakota.

About fifteen or twenty were saved and two received the Holy Ghost. God blessed in every service and conviction was so strong one night that a girl who was rejoicing in the Lord was slain under the mighty power of God. The saints gathered around her and prayed and she was wonderfully saved.

Every Sunday services were conducted over station KLP. Special music and singing was rendered by Brother and Sister Walker. Many were blessed as they listened in at these services. A church was set in order with a membership of about twenty-five. We praise God for His many blessings.—Margaret Nokleby.

TWO IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Prov. 28:13

J. B. Ellis

First: "What must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:30.

Second: "What wilt thou have me to do?" Acts 9:6.

Observe these questions were asked by different parties and were addressed to different parties. The first was propounded by the Philippian jailor to the Apostle Paul, while the second was asked by Paul and addressed to Jesus. Each question was asked under strenuous circumstances and related directly to the personal questioner. While the jailor's question was restricted to his personal salvation, Paul's question included his personal conduct for future life. Possibly this difference lies in the fact that the jailor had never done anything for the Lord, while Paul thought he had been doing God's service. The attitude of a seeker's mind toward himself, God, and things has much to do in formulating his queries.

We will notice first, the question of the jailor, "What must I do to be saved?" The circumstances connected with this man which prompted this question were extremely strenuous. A marvelous manifestation of God's power had just taken place. Indeed, a great miracle had been wrought.

Two prisoners with bloody shirts had been turned over to him with a specific charge for safekeeping. Supposing he was in custody of dangerous characters, he put them in an inner prison and fastened their feet in stocks. As the midnight hour approached and feeling no danger of the prisoners escaping, he fell asleep. Paul and Silas broke the melancholy silence of the hour with songs of praise while the other prisoners were listening in. An earthquake shakes the foundations of the prison, causing the doors to fly open and everyone's shackles to fall off. The prison keeper would have taken his own life but for the assurance from Paul that the prisoners were not fled. So grateful was he for the conduct of the prisoners that he prostrated himself before Paul and Silas and trembling from head to foot he asked this important question.

The answer was brief. It contained only fourteen words, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." The answer was as pointed as the question. A short sermon from the Word was delivered and in one brief hour the song service was over, the sermon delivered, the instructions given to the seekers, all of whom were saved, a baptismal service gone thru with, and in the meantime they had found time to wash and dress the preachers' wounds. It doesn't take long to do things when God comes on the scene. The jailor invited them home with him, prepared a meal for them, and while the preachers ate the family shouted the praises of God.

The writer of the narrative does not give us the scriptures used in his message, but we will give a few that were in the Bible of his day. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55:7. No man can find God without forsaking his sins. You can't be saved from them while you live in them. If you forsake them, you will leave them behind. If you do not leave them behind, they still cling to you.

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." I have seen men who tried to cover up sin with a profession of Christianity but somehow the thing won't work well. We are told in the Bible that our sins will find us out. We may deceive a few people, but never God. Neither can you hide them from your conscience. You can't hide them from your memory either. The conscious memory of them will pile up condemnation on your soul, making peace impossible.

Notice the essentials of salvation as they are given in their order—first, confession of sin; second, forsaking sin; third, making restitution for sin;

and fourth, faith in Christ. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Let us now consider the second question in our subject, "What wilt thou have me to do?" This request was made by Paul while on his way down to Damascus to bind the saints. While thinking himself in God's service, he was informed he was persecuting Christ. He, like the jailor, was filled with fear. If what he thought to be God's service was persecution and as full of zeal as he was, the thought of service for his Master prompted his question.

The answer and his response are given in his answer to Agrippa. Acts 26:16-19. "But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee. To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

We readily see by this scripture that the answer of Jesus had reference to what Paul was to do for Christ rather than what Christ was to do for him. Everywhere we go we hear Christians say in their testimony, "I want to do something for the Lord, or I want to do more for the Lord, or I want to spend my life for Him. They do not seem to be satisfied with what they are doing. They don't seem to be able to say with Paul, immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood, or I have fought a good fight, or I have shunned not to declare the whole counsel of God."

Let's see. A revival is on. In the testimony meeting everyone expresses themselves as wanting to do something for the Lord. An altar call is given, hungry hearts are waiting for someone to invite them personally to the altar. Nobody comes. A needy field but nobody to work! You want to do something?

The altar is full of seekers. Someone is needed to pray or instruct. You sit around awhile and leave without offering to help. You want something to do?

All around you people are living in sin. You never speak a word to them about their soul. You are a member of the church. You say you want to do something for your Master?

The hour for Sunday School has arrived. You and your children are not there. You say you want to do more for the Lord?

It is Wednesday evening or Friday evening. The hour of prayer has arrived. You are not present. You want to do something but you are not there. Oh you are anxious to do something you say!

Nearly one hundred little orphans to feed at Cleveland. You put one penny in the orphanage work on Sunday morning and spend several dollars joy riding the rest of the day. Say, brother, it is time you were entering some of these fields or snuffing up about wanting to do something for the Lord. Other fields we could mention. There are the needy ones, sick ones, down-and-out ones, those in distress, your pastor's needs, the incidental needs of your church. Then there is the mission field.

Why sit ye here idle all the day long when there is so much to be done? Never before in the history of the world were there more opportunities for doing something than now. Lift up your eyes, look on the field. Is it not white unto harvest? Enter thou into the harvest, work with all your might, rich rewards await the faithful reapers. Our day of opportunity will soon be over. Let us work while it is called day for the night cometh when no man can work.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

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EDITORIALS

Those sending in money to Headquarters will please send money orders or checks. We have been flooded with postage stamps lately. You as clerks and treasurers who are sending tithes have the privilege of paying for the money order and postage out of the amount sent. This will avoid the General Secretary being over-flooded with stamps.

We wish to thank the people for sending in their orders for literature promptly. Those who have not sent in their orders yet please give us your orders at once so we will be able to get the literature back to you by the first Sunday in April.

Many gracious revivals are going on and many souls are receiving the fullness of the blessing.

The Publishing House is installing a new cutter. Brother Letsinger had planned to have this installed before he died. The old one is very dangerous. It has been broken and brazed in many places and is out of line and very dangerous to work around. Just recently we have heard of two operators getting their hands cut off in paper cutter. While we hate to purchase this cutter at this time, yet it is better to do this than to have some of our operators with their hands cut off.

We have just had a letter from Brother Paul Walker of North Dakota stating that the work in North Dakota is prospering and he has had many additions to the church this year. This work in North Dakota is permanent for the Church of God and Brother Walker is looking forward some day for North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota to lead in the great work of the Church.

We are getting good reports from Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Virginia, also many good reports are coming in from the South and Southwest, in fact, there is nothing to be discouraged over. God is leading His people to victory.

Please remember us when you have job work to do. I think it is a good policy to patronize your own business at least. It will be helping the church and you will get good rates and excellent printing.

The Bible School is looking forward to their closing exercises as being among the best in the history of the school. The students will soon be thru with their examinations and will be making preparation for the great nights of the close.

Many of our people are confined to their rooms with flu at this time. God is healing, for which we give Him the glory.

We have been thinking lately of trying to make some disposition of all accounts two years old and over. Someone give us a suggestion.

A good many of our subscriptions have expired but we are waiting until May 1st before dropping them from our mailing list. Please renew your subscription at once as we do not want to lose you from our list. You will find a subscription blank enclosed in your Evangel for your renewal.

During last week we received \$117.75 in subscriptions. Those who sent in four or more are as follows: Edna Kipe, twenty-four; Dave East-ridge, fifteen; E. W. Williams, six; J. C. Coats, five; Mrs. Day Phillips, five; C. H. Standifer, four.

Notices & Specials

To the Churches of God in W. Va.:

I wish to call attention to several important features of the work in the state as well as the needs of the work in general. First, I wish to refer to the needs of the ministry. You are aware of the financial depression over the country. Let me say therefore, that unless those who have work will now at this time pay their tithes and stand by the ministry, we have ministers who are going to be forced out of the ministry for lack of support. Let those who have work at this time be loyal and faithful to the ministers by paying their tithes. There has been quite a fall along this line, especially the last two months. The ministers have been faithful and have stuck to their jobs and have labored hard and God has said "the laborer is worthy of his hire." What is his hire? Is it not the tithes that God has ordained for the support of the ministry? We cannot afford at this time of revival and blessing to become slackers or neglectful along this line. We have had eight new churches since the Assembly and there are several more ready to be set in order at present. If we will all stand together and by the ministers, we will have a good report this fall and a great reward in heaven. May God bless you all. Be faithful and pay your tithes.

THE NEEDS OF THE ORPHANS

Second, we have those beautiful, bright faced boys and girls to take care of. Do not forget the regular offerings for the orphanage work. It looks bad on the minister that does not send in something for the orphans, however, it looks equally bad on the church which he pastors. Can you feel good when others are in need and not rally to their support?

Then again, there is the soap coupon drive for enough coupons for the equipment of the orphanage with beds. They need sixty new beds which the Colgate Co. has offered to furnish for coupons. Could not each pastor appoint someone in his church and community to solicit coupons? If this was done we could soon have the needed amount and all rejoice together. Come on, now let us collect these coupons together and send them in so the orphanage can be equipped with new beds.

MISSION MONEY

The mission money is also falling off, and this is too badly needed to allow such. The dying souls of the thousands, yea millions, will arise in the judgment and point the finger of disappointment at pastors and churches that will not respond to their needs today, and say, if you had done your duty, I would not have been lost. Let us also be faithful and see about the mission money. It does not take large amounts to run up and do things for God. It takes a faithful and determined effort. Last year there was spent for cigarettes \$600,000,000. The cigarette users smoked one hundred and twenty billion cigarettes. This would have furnished mission money for millions of dying souls. Of course Church of God folks don't smoke, but we do spend money foolishly that could be dropped into the mission offerings. Let each pastor remember that the rulings of the General Assembly was, that each church should pay five per cent of the amount of tithes as mission money. That is, each church was to raise that amount in offerings. More would be appreciated. Send all mission money to R. E. Blackwood, Box 1196, Logan, W. Va., that is, half of the amount collected. The five per cent is to be divided equally between the above named state secretary (for state missions) and the General Secretary at Cleveland, Tenn. (for foreign and general mission work). Come on, let us help somebody today. Y. P. E.s, get busy.

GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS

The coupons as adopted by the General Assembly have been printed and put into the hands of the district pastors and local pastors who should appoint solicitors to sell same throughout their respective fields of labor or churches. We are paying out interest on the above mentioned debts and this is a loss to us. Let this work be given prompt and courteous attention so that we may make a proper showing on the above. Some seem to think they have done their share on this because they have given some small amount. It is not enough to take that kind of a stand, we should give and give again if necessary, and then give until it hurts. These debts must be lifted and we are the ones who must do it. The plan is easy to operate if the workers and churches will arise and say we are going to do the work. Times are hard but not as hard as we all think they are. But if they are, let us not shut up on God, that is what has caused the trouble now. God said, "Bring your tithes and offerings, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Come on, let's go for Jesus.

Hark! sounds the sweet message, Jesus is coming.
It sounds o'er mountain summit and plains.
Bring ye then, His tithes and offerings,

That He His own may receive with usury at His coming again.
—E. C. Clark, Overseer of W. Va.

The April number of "The Lighted Pathway" is now off the press.—Mrs. Alda B. Harrison, 504 W. Main St., Jonesboro, Tenn.

To the ministers and members of the Church of God in Georgia: This is to let you know that the state convention of Georgia will convene at Fitzgerald, Ga. April 9-12. Everybody invited. I would be glad for all the ministers to be there. Our General Overseer, Brother S. W. Latimer, is to be with us. Come one and all.—J. W. Culppepper, overseer of Georgia.

We are not such a great number of saints in N. Wilkesboro, N. C. but God surely does bless. I have been here a little less than six months and it has been a continuous revival it seems, for which we praise our heavenly Father. Many have been blessed and several united with the great Church of God. Brother T. C. Wiggins of Poreia Knob, N. C. is our district pastor and we are glad to have him. We covet the prayers of the Evangel readers that God might continue to bless here.

I do evangelistic work and would consider a series of meetings now. Any one desiring my service may write Brother Wiggins for reference. Also I want to buy a used tent, if in good condition and price reasonable. If any one has one for sale, kindly write me.—J. F. Jenkins, 1222 Trogdon St., N. Wilkesboro, N. C.

There will be home coming day at the Church of God at Poplar Grove, Ark. May 3. There will be all day services presided over by the pastor, J. B. Lindley. All the members are urgently requested to be present. Everybody has an invitation to come.—E. J. Hollowell, clerk.

The Church of God at Labelle, Fla. will have all day service and dinner on the ground Easter Sunday, April 5, D. V. You are invited. Come expecting a good time in the Lord.—Mrs. Rudd.

There will be home coming day at Bunker Hill church April 5. All the members are requested to be there or write the clerk as to your spiritual condition. Also we will have communion and feet washing on Sunday night, and on the following night we will have conference. We urge all our members to be present. Come and help us enjoy the blessings of the Lord. Everybody welcome.—Your brother in the Lord, Willie G. Rogers, clerk, Rt. 1, Dillon, S. C.

Just had a letter from the treasurer of a certain church saying, Dear Brother Wood, I am sending you your tithes in stamps. Brother Wood, I haven't been sending you your part of the tithes as I should know, it is such a little I have been just giving it all to the pastor here. If this isn't satisfactory, let me know. Your sister in Christ, Mrs. So and So.

Well, my sentence is that such procedure is entirely unsatisfactory with me, and no doubt it is with all other overseers, so please bear in mind, dear clerks and treasurers, that it is just as much out of order to hold up your overseer and headquarter's quota of the tithes as it would be to hold up your local pastor's quota. And too, permit me to ask one question please, How is it that some churches who are supporting a pastor and his family fairly well will, at the end of each month, send their overseer anywhere from twelve to thirty-seven cents in postage stamps and call themselves loyal Churches of God? To this question some are answering thus, Oh, we tithe all of our produce and just take it and turn it in to the pastor. Another church says, Oh, we make arrangements for our pastor at the general merchandise store to get twenty or thirty dollars' worth of provisions each month and we pay it now or later. OH I SEE, and by so doing you ease your conscience by making it think you have paid TITHES.—S. J. Wood, overseer of Texas.

To all churches, Sunday Schools, and Young People's Endeavors of Florida: All Sunday School reports are to be made to Brother F. M. Waldron, Largo, Fla. as he is the state superintendent of Sunday School work in Florida. Young People's Endeavors, please keep all funds for your own disbursement. Do not send any more to the state treasurer as the Assembly ruled that each local endeavor have the right to use their funds as they see best. All churches remember that if you get your quota on the state tabernacle debt by the first of April, you are allowed a ten per cent discount. To all those who have your camping outfit in rooms at Wimauma, please send in your money for the rooms by April 15 or we will let others have the rooms. The price of the rooms will be four dollars for any of the corner rooms; three and a half for rooms that have an outside opening; three dollars for those which have only an opening in the hallway. Please don't forget that we will expect you to pay for your rooms, you that have furnished,

or we will let others have them after the 15th of April. When you write, explain which rooms your furniture is in, whether on the north side of the hall or the south side, and which room.

The Florida state camp meeting will convene June 4-14.

To those who do not have any rooms and would like a room, let us know as soon as possible. We will do our best for you, but don't expect us to do the impossible. Send all money to Brother J. B. Ellis, Wimauma, Fla.—R. P. Johnson, state overseer of Florida.

The Bahamas convention will convene at Nassau N. P., May 12-17.—W. V. Eneas, overseer.

Today finds me saved, sanctified and baptized with the precious Holy Ghost with a full determination to go all the way with the Lord. I am an evangelist in the Church of God. Anybody in northern Indiana or Michigan desiring a revival, I will be glad to give you my service. I surely want to do something for the dear Lord this year.—Pray for me.—Curtis Hughes, Rt. 2, Orland, Ind.

The Church of God at Maryville, Tenn. will have a home coming day, Easter, April 5. We insist that all the members come home on that day and bring an offering for our new church building that we intend to start very soon, D. V. If you can't come, send offerings to the pastor.—Yours for Him, W. A. Walker, Rt. 2, Maryville, Tenn.

This is to notify one and all that Brother J. H. Daniels and Brother Cook from South Carolina will start a revival at the Church of God at Lynchburg, Va. April 11, 1931, D. V. Everybody is invited to come and lend a helping hand in any way you can. Those who can't come please pray that we may have success.—Yours out for lost souls, V. W. Blankenship, district pastor.

Brother Newman of Berryton, Ga. will begin a revival at North Rome the 5th Sunday in this month. We will be glad to have the cooperation of the saints at Lindale and all the other nearby churches. Come and help us in this revival. We are expecting God to do something great at this place. We desire the prayers of all the saints for this revival. On Easter Sunday we are going to have home coming day here and we invite all the saints at Cedartown, Calhoun, Lindale and Berryton to come and bring a well filled basket. We are giving Brother S. C. Chambers and his string band a special invitation to come and be with us. We are going to have a program too. We are expecting God to bless our souls good. We would be glad if our General Overseer, Brother Latimer, could be with us. Please pray for us at Rome.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. C. S. Richardson, Rome, Ga.

REQUESTS

To every saint of the Church of God, we are asking prayer for my wife. She has been sick for some time and we know that Jesus has all healing power and will heal if we only have faith.

I thank the Lord for healing my brother. Please pray for us.—G. G. Pate, 1120 4th Ave. W. Birmingham, Ala.

Dear saints, a neighbor girl of mine asked me to ask you all to pray a heartfelt prayer to God for her healing. She has a cancer in her mouth. She said she knew there was nothing impossible with God and believes God can heal her. Please pray a special prayer for her. Pray for my family. If you should want to write the afflicted girl, her address is Easter Bible, Rt. 4, Heflin, Ala.—One who wants to do the Lord's will above everything, Maggie Hickerson, Rt. 4, Heflin, Ala.

I desire the prayers of all the saints for the healing of my mother. Also pray for me and for my unsaved loved ones.—Your sister, Sabra Beasley, Whitesboro, Ga.

My mother fell and broke two of her ribs and I desire that you all pray that she might be completely healed. She stands on divine healing. I have a niece and a cousin for whom I want you to pray. One has T. B. and the other has bladder trouble.—Your sister in Christ, Annie Bell Mealer.—Oakman, Ga.

Every one please pray for the healing of my aunt's baby. It has fits. Pray for the saving of my mother's soul.—Velma Jolly, 47 Central Ave., Sylacauga, Ala.

I praise the Lord for salvation and for healing my children of measles but they all have deep colds and I request prayer for their complete healing. Also still remember my little afflicted boy that cannot talk.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Laura M. Wheeler, Sweet Briar, Va.

Please pray for my boy. He hurt himself about two months ago. Pray for him to be saved and healed.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Louise Harris, Gideon, Mo.

Please pray for the healing of husband and me. My husband has swollen arteries in his limbs and ankles and I am crippled with rheumatism. All who are where you can go to

A Spiritual Convention

COLUMBIA, S. C.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing in Columbia. We have just closed a three weeks' meeting here. The enemy tried to defeat us but we held on to the Lord in prayer and fasting and He gave victory. Eight were saved, seven sanctified, six baptized with the Holy Ghost and many others are looking this way. The meeting was conducted by our State Overseer, H. L. Whittington. He surely did some good preaching and everybody seemed to love him and hated to see him leave. He and his two daughters rendered some good singing that was enjoyed by everyone.

We also had the district convention the last week of the meeting. The power of the Lord was with us during the convention. It was one of the most spiritual conventions we have ever had here. Every minister except one was present. Our State Overseer spoke to us about the debt we owe at Headquarters and boosted the coupon books and the Columbia District took something over one hundred dollars worth of the coupon books. We ask everyone to pray that the Lord will help each one sell his book.

Pray for our State Overseer that the Lord will bless him and keep him strong in body and in the work. He is working hard for the church in South Carolina. Come on, one and all, let us help him pray and work for the Lord's church and let South Carolina go over the top this year. Can I hear each one say, Oh yes, we are going over the top for the Lord? Don't be discouraged and say we can't, but say, Yes, we can do all things thru Christ Jesus who strengtheneth us. Let us work hard. Come on each church and let us help our State Overseer. Let each church send him two dollars extra each month and don't let him pass your church without giving him an offering. The work in South Carolina is moving along fine everywhere I have heard from. Everyone who reads this please pray for the work in Columbia.—Your brother in Christ, J. C. Brooks, pastor, 854 Zigzag St.

A Sunday School Organized

LAMAR, Ala.—A four weeks' revival was conducted by Brother L. J. Potts and Brother B. D. Smith. Brother Potts surely did some wonderful preaching here. Seventeen received the Holy Ghost and four or five were sanctified. We have a nice Sunday School started. By the Lord's help we want it to run on. I believe some saints have helped me pray for Grayhill. I surely thank the Lord very much. Pray that we will get a good pastor for Grayhill for it seems like there are more hungry souls around here. Brother Potts surely did some wonderful work by the Lord's help. The Lord blessed in the revival. Pray much for Brother Potts that he will have a good revival at Potash.

I thank the Lord for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I belong to the dear Church of God and I am expecting to stay in it until He comes or calls. Pray for me.—Your brother in Christ, Henry Phillips, clerk.

church don't forget to think of us for we would like to be with you at God's house. We are old people. Pray for our youngest son who is in the state hospital at North Warren. We would be glad for a Church of God minister to come here and stand firm and preach the Word to this town.—Mrs. J. A. Shares, Emlenton, Pa.

I am praying night and day for the Lord to open up a way for me to go and preach to my people, the Indians in Oklahoma. I have not the means. I would like for all of the saints to pray for me that God will lead me and provide for my going. I know that times are hard but I will put my trust in Him because I know He is able to bring me thru.—Your brother in Christ, Prince Ekusini Eugene Garvin, Chief of the Cherokee Indians, 136 Fulton St., Youngstown, Ohio.

We are getting many requests from different ones asking that the saints pray for loved ones to be saved. Please remember to pray for these. Some have written that a loved one is gone and they can't hear from them. Pray that God will comfort these who are in trouble.

God Is Blessing Montana Work

BIG TIMBER, Mont.—On Jan. 11 Brother Sharp arrived from Sterling, Idaho to wage a war against Satan. Two had received the Holy Ghost when he arrived and in two weeks eleven had received the Comforter.

Brother Sharp was called home on account of his wife not being well. I ran the meeting another week but no more received the Holy Ghost. One got sanctified and others blessed in various ways.

I believe about seven were saved, I don't know how many were sanctified, and eleven were filled with the Holy Ghost. Of course we had a fight with the enemy but God blessed. Brother Sharp surely did preach the Word without fear or favor. We believe him to be just what he ought to be as a Church of God bishop.

After I closed the meeting I spent nearly a week in Lewistown where two got reclaimed. The work is moving good under Brother Arnold Folden's efforts.

I went back to Big Timber for Sunday night. God blessed. I went on to Joliet for Tuesday night where Brothers Cook and McPeak were in a revival. God was blessing. They will report it. I stayed there all the week and came to Billings on Monday. I found Brother Martin in a battle here. Meeting had been going on two weeks. One received the Holy Ghost. God is blessing us in giving out the Word. Don't forget to pray for God to give us many souls here. We have lots of so called holiness opposition but we are endeavoring to stand each one in his place and let our light shine. I can say, God is blessing the work in Montana.—Yours for lost souls, M. L. Lowe, Overseer.

C. of G. Y. P. E.

I am publishing a letter I received the other day from a young member of the Y. P. E. at Greenville, S. C. The letter speaks for itself.

Dear Sister Harrison:

As I was reading this afternoon in preparation for a program, my mind reflected back a few months ago when you were here to organize a C. of G. Y. P. E. Little did I realize then the good that could be accomplished thru a band of people working for Christ. I am sure your efforts were not in vain. God has been with us from the beginning, and it seems that He is blessing us more and more in our forward march toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God which is in Christ Jesus.

At first as you know we were timid and it was hard to stand before a large congregation and carry out individual parts in the program, but now we have become more accustomed to the duties placed upon us and every one seems anxious to take part. I repeat, the Lord is surely with us, for He gives to us His Spirit as a witness. Numbers have been saved in the young people's services alone, and many of them are making great workers for the Lord.

I just wanted to make these few remarks in an effort to show my appreciation for the Y. P. E. at Greenville, and of your faithful, untiring service rendered daily to the young people of our endeavor. May the Lord richly bless your efforts and supply your every need.

Yours for the Y. P. E., Floyd Hunt.

The only thing we can say of this letter and many others that come to us, is, they make us "feel like traveling on." Sometimes the way seems dark and we wonder if we are accomplishing much and then the dear Lord sends some good message like this to help us along the way.

We have been just a little disappointed that more is not said thru the Evangel to boost the work along by the different Y. P. E.s over the country and by those interested in young people's work. Let us bestir ourselves and boost the work along. God is in it. I hope this letter will break down any prejudice against the work of the Y. P. E. and stir us up to organize more of them, and put our young people to work.—Yours for the Y. P. E., Alda B. Harrison.

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This week finds us making preparation for the final program and exams. There seems to be quite a bit to accomplish in an incredibly short time, but we are encouraged with the realization that soon the exams will be over and that all our efforts during the last week may be devoted to the program.

Many requests are still being sent in from various parts of the country for prayer, and handkerchiefs are sometimes sent by those who request prayer for their healing. These handkerchiefs are anointed, prayed over, and returned to the owner promptly. Many favorable replies are sent us, and we feel that this method has been blessed.

Prayer has been, and continues to be, a feature of the school that is never neglected. During the daily session of school six prayers are offered, and in addition, we have begun a fifteen minute prayer each day in behalf of mission work. Studies have been discontinued long enough for prayer many times in response to an urgent appeal by telegram.

"HAPPENINGS IN B. T. S."

Last Wednesday evening a unique surprise was given the students of music. Instead of the usual program we had a special program. The quartet sang for us, following which was a talk by Brother Latimer, then more good music furnished by the quartet, Bros. Robinson and Yates, and Broe. Truesdell and Logsdon obliged with a special.

The speakers for the Friday afternoon program must have been at their best. The service was unusually good and the spirit of the Lord was present. There will be only two more of these programs for this term.

The Bible School Quartet is always on the go and the boys never seem remorseful over the fact that they never get any rest.

Last Friday night they entertained at the Y. P. E. meeting at Chattanooga; they visited the singing convention held at Lawrenceburg Sunday the 22nd. Next Sunday they will be at Copperhill, Tenn.

Next Wednesday night a special entertainment will be arranged for all music students who have attended at any time during this term. A flash light picture will be taken of the assembly.

We are progressing rapidly with our program rehearsal for the last two nights of school, despite the fact that a number of the characters selected have been on the sick list the past week. Everyone seems to be on the road to recovery now.—Harold Webb, reporter.

32 Saved, 25 Sanctified, 17 Received Holy Ghost, 22 Added to the Church

We thought others would be glad to know of the success we have had here in Logan, W. Va. in the revival that closed some few days ago. And since our paper is a medium of information as well as a great blessing to thousands, spiritually, I feel we would let the thousands who read the paper rejoice with us by putting a notice in the paper of our revivals.

Jan. 25 W. E. Raney came with his workers, Sisters Pearl Auten and Maggie Martin and W. T. Auten, and lunched an evangelistic campaign which lasted three weeks. Great crowds came every night and listened with interest to the programs which were rendered, Jesus putting the glory on.

The church had been praying for several weeks before the revival began for its success, and on the special night set apart for prayer especially for the success of the revival one received the Holy Ghost while we were praying.

Throughout the meeting there was a good interest manifested. The altar was full almost every night, one getting the Holy Ghost the first night of the meeting. We have a goodly number of young folks here who were converted during the meeting who are taking hold in the Young People's Endeavor and helping to put life in the services.

Seventeen were lined up before the audience one night, presenting themselves for membership in the church. We were made to rejoice to see the number of bright faces coming into our number.

We do not want to fail to mention how the folks brought in the groceries to take care of the workers while they were here. The workers stayed with us in the parsonage. The treasurer here would read out a list of things needed and the folks would speak up and say, I will bring that. In that way all would not bring the same thing and we would get the very things we most needed.

However, I feel we would have had greater success if Satan had not hindered thru sickness. Brother Raney was out three nights with the flu and toothache during the meeting. If Satan cannot hinder any other way, he will get in the preacher's tooth and try to addle him in that way. The writer was also out with the flu. W. T. Auten was out some and fainted one day and we had to carry him in. But in spite of the hindrances we can feel greatly the results of the meeting and feel it was a great inspiration to this vicinity.

Were visited by the state evangelist, Brother Douglas and wife, one night when Brother Raney was not there. We succeeded in getting him to preach in Brother Raney's stead. We all enjoyed his sermon.

On the first Sunday afternoon of the revival Brother W. T. Auten gave the church a lecture on the mission work in the Bahamas. As his work for the last two years has been there he could tell us some very interesting things concerning the work and customs of the islands.

Above I made mention of the preachers getting sick. While I was on that subject I forgot to mention that Sister Auten and Sister Martin both had the flu but never missed a service. Sister Pearl got up out of bed and went to play for us one night. Sister Martin, being the "main stake" here in cooking and managing in the housework, kept going.

A few days before the revival began my wife caught on fire one morning from a gas heater. Before we could put it out she was burned very badly. She was not able to help the first week of the meeting. The folks were certainly good to us. They came in and took right hold and did the housework and cooked for us and sat up with her at night until she got better. We are all well now and everything is going nicely.—Roy E. Blackwood, pastor.

A Successful Revival In Indiana

We wish to report the success of our revival now in progress at Shelbyburn. Brother C. H. Standifer is conducting the services. It is wonderful the way the Lord has abundantly blessed throughout the past few weeks.

People who seemingly never appeared interested before congregate in large numbers and listen attentively to the Word which is being so forcibly preached by our pastor. Many are being submissive and yielding to the convicting power of God. The altar is practically filled every night and souls are being reclaimed, saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Approximately sixty have been redeemed from sin.

A good spirit is prevailing among the saints and God is pouring out blessings which we are not able to contain. Our cups are overflowing with joy and we are obliged to dance, shout, and sing the praises of our King.

At various times during testimony services the Lord so miraculously blessed that people spontaneously flocked to the altar for prayer before Brother Standifer delivered his message.

We can't see any termination to our revival yet and we hope and pray it will continue until more souls are saved and benefits derived that are yet invisible. We ask the Evangel readers to pray for the progress of our meetings which are held every afternoon and night.—Thelma Bridwell, W. Terre Haute, Ind.

Church of God Organized

RICHMOND, Ky.—I really praise and thank God this morning for victory in my soul. I am so glad this way is real as heaven. Jesus has been wonderfully good to me. He saved, sanctified, and filled my soul with the blessed Holy Ghost. I am young in this way, I only received the blessing in Jan. 1931. Jesus has overflowed my soul with victory.

We are now having a revival in Richmond with Sister Bertha G. Shideler delivering the message. She has brought wonderful light to the lost souls of Richmond. Twenty-five have been saved, ten sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost. The altar is full every night with seekers. God is blessing us here. We now have a Church of God organized. It was organized Jan. 25, 1931 with twenty-four members. We feel we will soon have many more worthy of membership.

I have been reading the Evangel this morning. I feel like we need more real workers for service in Kentucky. God is always leading me toward the field. It's my heart's desire to go on the field for service of the Lord.

I am now trusting Jesus to heal me of T. B. All who read this pray much for me as I want to be a real worker for the Lord. My heart goes out to the lost souls. I am trusting faithfully for my healing so I can go forth and preach the Gospel to a lost generation. Everyone pray much for a revival.

GIRL BORN BLIND NOW SEES

We have just closed a three weeks' revival at Paden City, W. Va. which began Jan. 25, 1931. We had a hard struggle the first two weeks. Brother L. G. Rouse came and preached for us on Saturday night. The house was packed and the Lord wonderfully blessed. He preached on Sunday morning. After preaching there was a girl about nine years old, who was born blind in one eye, came for prayer. When Brother Rouse laid his hand on her she received her sight. The pupil of her eye was white as cotton. She can now see and the spot is practically all gone. If anyone doubts this write her mother, Mrs. James Farmer of Paden City, W. Va.

He came back on Monday and a woman, Mrs. Beaver, who had hardened blood vessels and could not walk across the floor without help was led in the room by her husband. They had sent for Brother Rouse to come and pray for her. They had called the doctor for her about three hours before Brother Rouse went to pray for her and the doctor said she would have to go to the hospital. When Brother Rouse went in the room he talked awhile to her and told her about the wonderful healings God had done. He told her to stand on her limb but she said it was too sore. He said, Stand up anyway. She stood up and stamped her foot and the soreness was all gone. She said to him, Pray for my side for it is very sore. He said feel and see if your side is still sore, and when she felt the soreness was all gone. She got ready and walked across the street to a neighbor's house and then came to church that night and testified to complete healing. We were there a week longer and she was still shouting the victory for her healing. The town was greatly stirred over the wonderful healings. The doctors also came to church.

Six were saved in the meeting and the saints were greatly revived.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Nettie Richards, evangelist.

OLD CHURCH REORGANIZED

CASTLEBURY, Ala.—I am saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost and am a member of the great Church of God and seeking for a home with Jesus.

Last year our church here almost went down. We had no pastor. In the last part of 1930 Elder J. H. Curry, overseer of colored work, came by here. He, seeing our condition, assigned Elder W. L. Ford, S. O. S. Arkansas, to pastor this work here. When our pastor got here from Arkansas it was in December. Seeing our condition, he said this work here had to be reorganized. To make a church our pastor ran a revival which closed a few days ago. Eleven were converted, eleven sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, and ten added to the church. During the last of the revival Brother W. L. Ford called a business meeting and set the church in order with twenty-nine members. We surely do love our pastor. He has some strong enemies here after him. Please pray for him and our work here to progress nicely.—Yours looking for Jesus soon, James L. Ford.

revival yet and we hope and pray it will continue until more souls are saved and benefits derived that are yet invisible. We ask the Evangel readers to pray for the progress of our meetings which are held every afternoon and night.—Thelma Bridwell, W. Terre Haute, Ind.

Mission Department

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THE MOUNTAINS OF JAMAICA

The St. Ann District convention of Jamaica for the Church of God convened Feb. 25-27 at the Mockfee church three miles north of Cave Valley. The Lord worked in a wonderful way. He manifested His power from the very first service. We will never know all the good that was done but I am sure the days of this feast will long be remembered. Sinners were convinced of the truth, the church edified, and the saints encouraged with much zeal to press on. God is working in a mighty way in Jamaica. We have four new churches established since last Assembly.

I don't care to testify for Satan but I want to tell you he is here and is on his job and sleeps neither day nor night. We need much prayer. Don't forget us here in Jamaica when all is well with you.—Yours in the faith and for the lost of Jamaica, Z. R. Thomas, overseer.

TESTIMONY FROM JAMAICA

DRY HARBOUR, Jamaica, B. W. I.—I am indeed glad to find myself this morning still praising the dear Lord for a full and free salvation with great joy in my soul. I can report victory on every hand, although at times the devil rails on us. But praise our dear Lord, we are standing firm. We are only a small body of sixteen members but we are holding the fort and keeping back the enemies. We have three brothers who have been saved and are waiting to follow the Lord in water baptism. We are still waiting on the Lord for He has said He added to His church daily such as were saved. We are among some great denominationalists but we have seen the approval of the Church of God, the Bible church. We have a great hope in looking forward when the time will come when we can report souls falling at the altar. I am asking the dear saints abroad to pray for us that we may grow stronger and shine for our blessed Lord.—Yours in the faith, Obadiah Thomas, pastor.

C. of G. Y. P. E. COMES TO THE

aid of the mission cause. We are glad to note the interest the young people are giving to missions. The subject of the April issue of the "Lighted Pathway" will be on missions and many of the young people's meetings next month will be held in the interest of foreign missions. At many of the churches the young people will take up a special offering at their services for this cause. That may be a good way for some of the churches to raise their quota.

Below are two articles from C. of G. Y. P. E. members that we felt like using in the mission department this week.

WHAT "STAY AT HOMES" CAN DO FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

We who are here can be a great help to foreign missions by donating what money or clothes we can. I think the greatest thing we can do is to pray for them even if we haven't money to give. I think each of us should do what we could to stir up missionary zeal among our young people. There are many souls who do not know what Christ means or that they have a soul to be saved. Let us all be

sin tonight and get foreign missions on our hearts and offer up prayer for them and do everything we can at home to help spread the gospel over in the foreign fields.—Jetta Foster, from the Y. P. E. in Knoxville, Tenn.

HOW "STAY AT HOMES" CAN HELP FOREIGN MISSIONS

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" was the command our Lord gave to His disciples when He was here up on this earth, and He has given the same command to us today.

If this gospel is to be carried into all the world, who must be responsible for it? Who must sacrifice that thousands of lost souls may be saved? I hear some say, "Christians." Yes, Christians must cooperate together if we win this world for Christ.

Some may ask, "How can we cooperate with our brothers and sisters on the foreign fields?" By our prayers and by our finances. Prayer is the key to God's storehouse of blessings and love. Paul taught us to pray, one for another. If we cannot carry the gospel to the foreign fields we can pray for them continually, holding them up before God in prayer, for He said that whatsoever we ask, believing, it should be done. If we ask Him to bless and help our brothers and sisters on the foreign fields, He will hear and answer. How much more missionaries could do if they only knew that we at home were hiding away in some secret place, asking our heavenly Father to guide and bless them in their hard struggles of life. When Jesus was here, He prayed all night for us. Can we say we have prayed all night for our brothers on the foreign fields? Oh, if we could only get the burden of lost souls on our hearts enough we could see the teeming millions who are needing God, who are worshipping the sun, moon, or something earthly instead of our dear Savior, we would pray more earnestly for the ones who have the great load of the lost world to carry.

After prayer comes finance which is the next greatest way in which we can cooperate with our missionaries today. How can our brothers and sisters carry this gospel of the Savior if we do not come to their aid in finance? We have hundreds of noble young men and women who would gladly give their services on the foreign fields if they were not handicapped with financial difficulties. Why should we cling to our money and rob God and His great work. The world is dying in sin without the gospel. Why? Because we fail God. We fail to keep His commandments. We fail to heed the cries of distress on the foreign fields. Oh how we need to awake and see the fields that are already ripe for harvest, but the laborers are so few! Pray and give that the Lord may send more laborers into His harvest and your reward will be great when you come into His presence for you will hear Him say, Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter into the joys of thy Lord, for I was a hunger and you gave me meat, naked and you clothed me.—Ernest Stanton, Knoxville Y.P.E.

The Lord Was With Us Church of God In New Place

MIDDLESBORO, Ky.—The Corbin District Convention that convened at Middlesboro, Ky., Feb. 13-15, 1931 was a success. The dear Lord was with us from the very beginning. We had the Linsay String Band with us which rendered excellent music. Brother R. C. Cook had charge of the singing. We enjoyed the good music and singing. We had our State Overseer, Brother John C. Jernigan, with us. He seemed to be at his best for the Lord. We certainly do appreciate our Brother Jernigan who is laboring so faithfully.

The convention began Friday night, Feb. 13. The welcome address was given by the pastor at Middlesboro, the writer, and Sister Leona Everly and Brother R. C. Cook responded. Everybody felt that they were welcome to the convention. Brother Baxter Bryant delivered a wonderful message on "Love From A Pure Heart." The altar was filled with hungry seekers.

Saturday morning songs and music began as the saints began to gather in. God began to bless. We had the report of the churches and at eleven o'clock Brother John C. Jernigan brought forth the message on "The Church of God and Her Government." His sermon was enjoyed by everyone present, I am sure. Saturday afternoon Sister Hatcher preached on "Go Wash." This was enjoyed also. Brother R. C. Cook preached about "Fellowship." Then we adjourned until night services which began with good music and singing. Brother Bun E. Hicks preached and his sermon was enjoyed by all. Again the altar was filled.

Services began Sunday morning with good music and singing. We had Sunday School after which Sunday School interest was talked on by Mr. Gibson. He was followed by Brother E. W. Anderson. These talks were enjoyed. Sunday afternoon we listened to a wonderful discourse by Brother Enix from Twila, Ky. His subject was on "The Result of a Spirit Filled Church." Brother C. W. Everly then preached a good sermon on "Loyalty." Sunday night after music and singing the writer preached on "God's Plan for the Ministry." I don't think some of the people who did not pay tithes enjoyed it as well as they did some of the rest of the program. Brother John C. Jernigan preached another wonderful sermon. Then we all sang a good old song and shook hands. The best convention that was ever known in the southeastern part of Kentucky closed.—Howard D. Statum, district overseer.

I Pass the Paper On

FOLSOM, La.—I am glad to report victory this morning. I am glad for a more determined mind to go on with the Lord. We haven't any pastor but think we will have one soon. Our State Overseer, Brother E. E. Simmons, is trying to get us one. He was with us the second Sunday in February. I think he is a man of God. Pray

URY, W. Va.—I praise the dear Lord because He is still blessing in West Virginia. We closed a six weeks' revival at Ury Sunday night, Feb. 15 with great results for Jesus and His church. This was a new field. Holiness had never been preached here before. It was pretty hard at first but God stepped in and gave the victory.

Forty were saved, twenty-eight sanctified, seventeen received the Holy Ghost, and we set a new Church of God in order with thirty good members and others to follow soon.

The wife of one of the wealthiest men of the town received the Holy Ghost, also two of his children. They joined the church and he gave \$200 on a new church building. The wife of a man who runs a big department store joined the church and he gave \$100 on a new church. Two of the mine foremen's wives received the Holy Ghost and joined the Church of God. One foreman on the road and his family got saved and joined the church. One bootlegger, who, they say, had not worked a lick for ten years, got saved and started to work to make an honest living for his family.

They have selected a lot and are preparing to build a church there. We also organized a Sunday School with seventy-six members on roll. Pray for the Church of God at Ury.

Anyone wanting a campaign for Jesus and His church this coming year, I will be glad to correspond with you. You can get us at 2437 10th Ave., Huntington, W. Va.—Yours in the Master's service until Jesus comes, R. A. Fielden and Campaign Party.

The Lord Blessed

PLANT CITY, Fla.—We are thanking the Lord this morning for the revival that has just closed here a few days ago with Brother R. E. Drymon of Lakeland in charge. The Lord surely did bless in the meeting. Brother Drymon did not fail to give out the Word with power. Five were saved, one sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, including those who were reclaimed, four were baptized in water, and four came into the church. We thank the Lord for everyone who got blessed in the meeting and pray that they will hold out until the Lord comes or calls for them. Sister Drymon surely was faithful at the piano. May the Lord bless her. We are praying that this will be the best year for

for us to rise. It looks like the devil is trying to take hold of this place. Pray for my husband who has backslidden. If Brother and Sister W. G. Webb see this, pray for him.

I love to read the little Evangel. When I read it I give it to someone unsaved to try to get them saved. Please pray for me for there are no saints close where I live. Pray for me to get stronger in the Lord and let my light shine.—A sister, Mrs. Will Reed.

Glad For The Church of God

WABPETON, N. Dak.—We surely thank God for His presence and convicting and saving power. Twenty-three sought salvation and seven were added to the church. Brother D. E. Boatwright had full charge of the meeting and preached every night and two and three times on Sunday for four weeks. God blessed and helped Him bring the Word in a wonderful way.

I thank God for the Church of God. I was born and reared a Catholic. I got saved and received the baptism in the Pentecostal church, then Brother Boatwright came here and preached on the church and Brother Paul H. Walker came and preached on the church and nineteen of us accepted it. Brother Walker set a church in order. I was appointed secretary and treasurer. Today we have thirty-nine members. I am in the way with the Lord. I can say with all my heart I am glad for the Church of God. It's the best I know of. I think a man should always walk in the light as he gets it.

Some say, Oh I don't see anything in the name, but I thank God that I do. I think it is very important. Jesus says, Whatsoever you ask of my Father in my name, it shall be given you, and not by any other name. He said He was going to have a church and if so, do you think He would call it anything else but the Church of God. I am glad I am in it. By His grace I intend to be like Him soon for He is coming soon, it cannot be long. Let's be ready to go.—Your brother, Frank E. Kimmel, Box 614.

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Building Almost Completed

BAINBRIDGE, Ga.—I praise the Lord through the Evangel I love so well. I thank Him for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost about sixteen years ago. It grows sweeter every day. I praise Him for His healing power. I have been trusting Him for my body about thirteen years and haven't taken a drop of any kind of medicine. Some say, Oh yes, you will take medicine when you get sick enough. But I praise the Lord because He can heal all kind of diseases. I have had typhoid fever, malaria, flu, and have been blind and had to be led about. I have a skin growing over my eyes again and I have heart trouble. I want each and everyone to pray earnestly for me to be healed. I know He can heal. Pray that I may stand firm and be ready to go when He comes or calls. "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you." 1 Peter 4:12. "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." 1 Peter 5:10.

I praise the Lord for enlightening me on tithes. I thought I would give it to the orphanage and needy. I gave it out as I felt led but the Bible says, Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse. Mal. 3:8, 9, 10. I realized I would be a robber if I robbed the bank and that they would turn me out of the church and I would be put in jail. If all would bring in their tithes to the storehouse, a tenth of everything, meat, lard, potatoes, syrup, etc., the church would rise and shine. The preacher could go around and visit the sick and give to them that didn't have. But as it is the preachers have to work hard for their families and preach and hardly have time to visit the sick or the needy.

There wasn't but about two or three church of God people around here until about two years ago. Sister Eula Lynn and another sister came down here and ran a meeting in a schoolhouse. She surely did some wonderful preaching and gave out the Word under such power for about three weeks. We began having prayer meeting about in one another's home and started a nice Sunday School. The Lord surely did bless.

Brother L. H. Griffin, our pastor, and wife came down here last January a year ago and set a church in order with nine members. We now have fifteen. We had preaching at his home until God opened up a man's heart who owned an old building to let us have it to preach in. We had preaching there about a year. We bought a lot and have a tabernacle almost completed. The Lord opened up a sawmill man's heart and he sawed the framing and gave us a lot of lumber. He is the best sawmill man I have ever seen. God is surely working with him. He desires the Holy Ghost and I want you to earnestly pray for him. He surely has a good wife. She is a Methodist but is a good worker in Sunday School and in service. Pray for them.

Pray for my daughter and wife to be saved and get the Holy Ghost before it is too late. Please pray that we will soon get the church complete and be a shining light for God. Don't forget to pray for me and be sure to remember in every prayer to pray for my heart and eyes.—Your brother in the blood, J. N. Colvin.

Wants To Be One Of The Few

QUITMAN, Ark.—I praise the dear Lord this evening for the way He has been blessing us here at Shady Grove.

A Glorious Revival At Sesser, Ill.

A successful revival has just closed at this place. About six were saved, fourteen sanctified, and eight received the Holy Ghost. Eight were added to the church. Brother Scoggins, our State Overseer, did the preaching.

At first there was not much interest but Brother Scoggins preached such mighty sermons that the crowds soon began to pour in until we had to get extra seats and then many were turned away because there was not even standing room. Oh how God is working at this place. Many have been heard to say, Since that preacher (Brother Scoggins) came here the town is almost turned upside down. We are glad to report that the good honesthearted Methodists and Baptists in this town are getting their eyes opened to sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Many of them received these experiences in the meeting. One preacher threatened to turn out any of his members who went to the altar but they did not pay any attention to him.

One sister who had been seeking for the Holy Ghost for several nights was invited out to dinner. These people did not believe in speaking in tongues. When they were all seated at the table this lady was called upon to return thanks. Just then the Holy Ghost fell upon her and she began to speak in tongues and glorify God. Some of the folks said she was losing her mind but she told them it was not in her mind it was in her heart. We surely are thanking God for this revival. Heaven only will reveal the good that was done.—A. O. Stewart, pastor, Sesser, Ill.

Wants To See Church Grow

GRAHAM, Texas.—We have just closed a week's revival at this place. Twelve were saved, fifteen sanctified, and thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost. I am sure all of them would have come into the church if we could have had some one to have taken them in. The church was set in order Sept. 29, 1930 by Brother Mason from Weatherford and I was chosen as pastor. Several others have been saved and four others filled with the Holy Ghost since the church was set in order. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us. I want to see this church grow. The church was set in order with seven members and two more came in while Brother Mason was here. I am sure as soon as some one comes who can accept them ten or fifteen more will come in. All who read the Evangel pray for us. We have not any church house. I have a tent and have it walled in but when it rains we have to close out.—With best wishes to all, yours for Christ, Daniel Baker.

Four have received the Holy Ghost in the last week. I praise His holy name that He ever saved, sanctified, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

I like to read the good testimonies from the dear saints. I praise the dear Lord for the little church at this place. We are but few in number but the dear Lord blesses our souls just the same. "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matt. 7:13, 14. I want to be one among the few.

We are looking forward to a big camp meeting at this place which will begin July 25. We want everyone who sees this to begin to prepare to come. Pray that this will be one of the best revivals ever known. I ask all the dear saints to pray for me that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet.—Your sister in Christ, Vera Lester, Rt. 3.

Obituaries

McBROOM

The death angel visited the home of my daughter and claimed their daughter, Florence Ann McBroom, Mar. 9, 1931, age fourteen years, three months, and nine days. She leaves to mourn her death father, mother, two sisters, two brothers, one grandmother, one grandfather, aunts, uncles, other relatives, and friends.—Her grandmother, Annie Long, Henning, Tenn.

MERRITT

Little Louise, daughter of Ervin C. and Corine Merritt, went to heaven Feb. 21, 1931. She was born Aug. 30, 1918, age twelve years, five months, and twenty-one days. She had T. B. for several years. She left her mother, two brothers, three sisters, other relatives and a host of friends to mourn her departure. The funeral was conducted by the writer and the remains laid to rest in the Linden cemetery to await Jesus' coming.—One who loved her, J. M. Baldrée, Linden, Fla.

McNAIR

On Jan. 2, 1931 Brother G. W. McNair was stricken with a chill which lasted about five hours. Pneumonia began. He suffered intensely for several weeks till the end came Feb. 5. He leaves his wife, two sons, one granddaughter, two brothers, one son and one daughter having preceded him to the grave. He said he was ready to go but if God saw fit to heal him, he would work harder to win souls than ever before. He was fifty-three years, six months and twenty-four days old. The funeral service was conducted by C. L. Duck, assisted by the writer. The bereaved have our sympathy.—D. F. Baldrée.

SHIPLEY

On March 8, 1931 the death angel claimed for its victim Elmer Shipley. He was sick for several days. The Lord saved him and took him to glory to be with Him. He was twenty-three years, ten months and twenty-six days of age. He leaves to mourn his death one little girl, father, mother, three half sisters, three half brothers and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted by Brother Holmes and the remains laid to rest in the Greasy Hollow cemetery, Tennessee.—One who loves him, his aunt, Maggie Shipley, Alcock, Ky.

BROWN

On Feb. 29, 1931 the death angel visited the home of my dear friend, Sister Lindy Brown, and took her as his victim. She was sick about five weeks. She was an humble Christian and a devoted mother. My heart goes out in love and sympathy in this sad hour. She leaves to mourn her death two daughters, one son, fourteen grandchildren, other relatives, and a host of friends. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Brother Cobb Dennard, at the Church of God at this place.—A friend who loved her, Nannie Hall, Fitzgerald, Ga.

DOBYNS

Little Harold Dempsey Dobyns, infant son of Percy G. and Rhita F. Dobyns, was born Sept. 23, 1930 and was called home to be with Jesus Dec. 20, 1930. He leaves two brothers, three sisters, father, mother, two grandmothers, and two grandfathers to mourn his departure. I desire an interest in your prayers for me and my husband.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Rhita Dobyns, Radford, Va.

SHREWSBURY

On Oct. 7, 1930 the death angel called at our home and claimed our little darling baby to be with his three little brothers who have gone on. Little

Earl's stay was short as he only lived three days. He leaves to mourn his death father, mother, three sisters, two brothers, other relatives, and a host of friends. His body was laid to rest in the home cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. Pray for me to live so I can meet my babies and for my husband to be saved.—One who loved him dearly, his mother, Mrs. Susie Shrewsbury, Kale, W. Va.

JOHNSON

On Oct. 26, 1930 the death angel visited the home of Brother Stanley and Sister Grace Miller and claimed Sister Nannie Johnson, Sister Miller's mother, age sixty-two years. She was a faithful member of the Church of God. She was the mother of twelve children, grandmother of forty-one children, and great grandmother of nine children. She was always at church when possible. She will be missed by the members of the church and her children with whom she lived. She was sick two hours. Funeral services were conducted by Brother W. M. Stallings, pastor of Belmont church.—Belmont, N. C.

NEALY

On Jan. 28, 1931 the death angel came into the home of Brother John Nealy of Green Turtle Cay, Abaco, Bah. and claimed his faithful wife, Adella. She was born Jan. 18, 1889, age forty-two years and ten days. She was filled with the Holy Ghost and a faithful and devoted member of the Church of God. She leaves to mourn a husband, five children, two brothers, two sisters, three aunts and many other relatives and friends. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Brother W. A. Baxter, and the writer and her body was laid to rest in the home cemetery to await the great resurrection day.—One who loved and respected her, H. B. Roberts.

MORGAN

Clinton Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan, was born in Katusa, Tenn. Nov. 16, 1919 and departed from this world Mar. 10, 1931. He leaves to mourn his departure his mother, one sister, a twin brother, his aunt and uncle, other relatives and a host of friends. He was bedfast four weeks. He was a faithful Sunday School member of the Church of God and liked to sing in the choir. Funeral rites were held Thursday at the Church of God at Johnston City, Ill. by Brother Newton of Carrier Mills and Brother Cates of Johnston City, Ill. He was laid to rest in the city cemetery to await the resurrection.—One who loved him, Earl E. Jent, Johnston City, Ill.

CENTERS

On Feb. 27, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister John Centers and claimed their baby girl, Rosa Ethel Centers. She was born July 29, 1930, and was seven months of age. Her body was laid to rest in the Frisby graveyard to wait the coming of Jesus.—One who loves them, Charlie Igo.

ASH

Vera Mae Ash, daughter of Forest and Pearl Ash, was born in Lawrence County, Ill. Jan. 16, 1916 and departed this life March 12, 1931, age fifteen years, one month, and twenty-seven days. She had a lingering illness of many months' duration. One brother and one sister preceded her to the great beyond also a grandfather and grandmother. She leaves behind a grieving father, mother, three brothers, three sisters, grandfather and grandmother, other relatives, and a multitude of friends. Funeral service was conducted at the Church of God by her pastor, W. R. Anderson.—Forest S. Ash, Bridgeport, Ill.

WORTHINGTON

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Worthington of Evesville, Tenn. on Mar. 3 and claimed for its victim their darling baby boy only a few days old. He leaves to mourn his death, father, mother, three brothers, a grandfather, two grandmothers, aunts, uncles. May the father and mother and loved ones get ready to meet this darling on the other shore.—His aunt, Mrs. Nellie Phillips, Battle Creek, Mich.

RYUN

On Feb. 15, 1931 the death angel visited the home of W. F. Ryun near Hollister, Mo. and claimed for its victim his loving companion, Mary S. Ryun, sixty years of age. She leaves a husband, two brothers and families, three daughters and families, two step-daughters and families, other relatives and friends to mourn her passing away. We don't grieve for her as if we had no hope of meeting with Jesus for we know she is at rest. She died of heart-failure. She was laid to rest in the Gobbler's Knob cemetery near Hollister, Mo.

We thank the many friends for their kindness and sympathy.—The family.

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Some Are Still Coming To The Altar

WINNSBORO, S. C.—I thank God for this wonderful plan of salvation. The Lord is still blessing here. Sisters Pauline Jackson and Myrtle Whitehead have just closed a three weeks' revival and the Lord did bless. The devil was on the job but in spite of the foe some came thru to victory. Twenty-four were saved, eighteen sanctified, and five received the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Some are still interested about their souls. Two were united to the Church of God and some are still coming to the altar every chance they get.

Our Y. P. E. is doing some wonderful work here. We have just reorganized and the Lord is blessing in a wonderful way.—L. H. Powell, pastor.

Church Has The Victory

W. FRANKFORT, Ill.—We have just closed a good meeting here at W. Frankfort. The meeting lasted three weeks. I do not know the exact number saved and sanctified but fourteen received the Holy Ghost. Brother J. R. Thomas, pastor at Christopher, did most of the preaching and the Lord blessed him in giving out the Word. Brother Daulton Short rendered good service with his guitar and special songs and the church worked faithfully to make the meeting a success. The church here has the victory and the crowds are increasing. We have a good Sunday School. Please pray for us here. We are now in a revival at Christopher and the Lord is blessing. Please pray that many souls will find the Lord.—Yours in Him, H. N. Scoggins.

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